

Remarks:

It is believed this application as presented is allowable over the cited references set forth in the parent application. In the office action mailed September 26, 2003, of the parent application, the examiner stated, "Applicant argues that Boyen can not be moved to a position in which the wedged-shaped rotor valve blocks neither port. The Examiner disagrees. When the valve of Boyen [which the examiner asserts is wedge-shaped] transits between the position blocking the first port to the position blocking the second port, it is blocking neither port." Applicant is unable to understand the Examiner's position because Boyen discloses no rotor valve that is wedge shaped.

We direct the examiner's attention to Figures 1, 2 and 3 of the Boyen reference. These Figures fail to illustrate a rotor valve being wedged shaped. Instead, Boyen illustrates an arcuate rotor valve plate 29 welded to a pie-shaped support member 31. Nowhere does Boyen disclose the arcuate rotor valve plate 29 can be shaped like a wedge. Instead, the plate 29 is almost planar. It is planar to block the air-outlets.

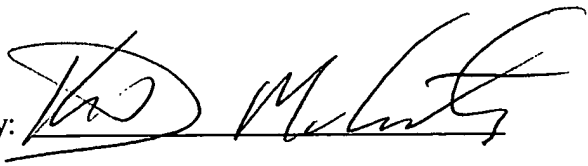
We also draw the examiner's attention to Figure 4 of Mori et al., and Figure 14 of Gutherie et al. We are unable to postulate any reasonable manner in which Boyen's arcuate rotor valve plate 29 can be used in association with the air outlets illustrated in Mori et al. or Gutherie et al.

It appears the examiner has assumed Boyen's pie-shaped support members 31 are rotor valves. We are unable to find anywhere in Boyen that suggests, discloses or teaches that the support members 31 can be used as a rotor valve. Accordingly, the examiner's interpretation of Boyen seems, in our opinion, erroneous because the support members 31 are not rotor valves.

It is respectfully submitted that these claims are in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

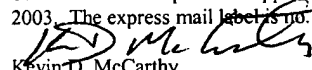
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